Mt. Joy Co-op told to ship more mil

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

MT. JOY - Members of the Mt Joy Farmers literally Cooperative received a taste of the continued energetic brandname marketing plans for Lehigh Valley Farms milk products at its annual meeting at Hostetter's Restaurant on Tuesday.

The first taste came in the form of a new ice cream that was served up as dessert at the luncheon meeting

The new all-natural ice cream just came off the production lines at Allentown and will soon be in the marketing channels.

It is an all-natural ice cream with an added vegetable stabilizer and will compete with premium ice

cream products, such as Dolly Madison.

The ice cream dessert was followed by a presentation by Ted Heck, vice president of marketing and sales for Atlantic Processing, Inc., the processing and manufacturing unit formed in the June 1 reorganization.

The local Mt Joy Co-op, along with the Lehigh Valley Farmers, joined together in July to form the federation of cooperatives that comprises API

In a progress report since the June 1 reorganization and an outline of things to come, Heck said that financial levels for the first eight months are expected to show \$116 million in products sold by January 31, with profits at \$800,000.

year, sales are anticipated to total \$180 million and rise to \$200 million for the calendar year of 1981.

Heck and other officials, including Roy Alger, president of the Mt Joy Coop, told attending members that API will guarantee acceptance of all milk they produce and, in fact, is looking for more.

While other area co-ops are shipping excess milk to Florida and Wisconsin,' Alge explained, "we are in a position to expand our

Heck explained that all API facilities are operating at well below capacity. The Lansdale and Schuylkıll Haven milk plants are operating at 60 percent of

By the end of the first capacity The ice cream and cheddar cheese facilities at Allentown are at 75 percent of capacity while cultured products facilities are only at 30 percent

The Mt. Joy Co-op was treated to a playing of the radio commercial jingle and TV ads for such products as the life milk and cottage cheese. Heck said that API's brand name sales of cottage cheese are up 25 percent while products made for other retailers have dropped. Sales of the new Lite milk have risen to as high as 100,000 quarts a week

Heck said that programs such as offering 10-cent coupon discounts on Lite will be continued. Lehigh's couponing of milk, the first ever tried for milk in Pennsylvania, lifted some PMMB eyebrows, but the practice has been ironed out, according to Heck

Whole fluid milk sales to consumers will continue to decline, Heck explained, and the brand-name advertising will continue to concentrate on such weight-conscious products as Lite, cottage cheese and new ones like yogurt.

Among those paid tribute at the annual meeting was Max Smith, who has announced his coming retirement as Lancaster County extension agent Smith recalled that his first farm visit in the county more than four decades ago was in the Mt. Joy area, but it involved baby beef.

Smith also warned the attending dairymen concerning the continuing presence of pseudorables. He said that 31 cattle and hog herds continue to be quarantined in the state He said that there have been some losses in the past month in cattle. The dairymen were invited to attend the Lancaster County Dairy Day program on

Also speaking were Cindy Risser, who outlined her involvement in 4-H and Max Sumser, milk inspector.

The program also included the election of three directors. They are Ken Miller, Manheim: Ivan Hanson, Lawn, and Joe Wivell, R2 Columbia.

The top 10 producers for the past year, as cited by Coop manager Paul Hostetter, included.

Harold Risser and Sons, 2.170,326 lbs., Irwin Engle, 1,947,429; Robert Greider, 1,703,117, Joe Wivell, 1,514,603; Paul and Elvin Kreider, 1,361,942; Harold Drager and Sons, 1,178,383; Lewis Bixler and Son, 1,176,003; Jay Nissley, 1,084,545; Ira Heistand, 1,004,808; Roy Alger and Son, 968,993...

Twelve members of the "pure milk" Honor Roll included Lloyd Moyer, Abraham Shelly, Timothy Tyson, Amos Conley, Paul Ruhl, Earl Weidler, Clarence Moyer, Raymond Shertzer, Richard Metzler, Donald Droyer, Lester Wenger and John Alger,



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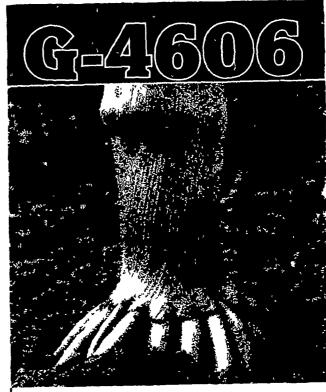
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